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In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
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Serial No.: 09/675,545	:	Group Art Unit: 2126
Filed: September 28, 2000	:	
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

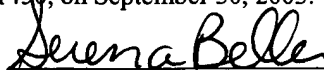
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 2, 2003 (Paper No. 8), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 2, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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